

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The enclosed Request for Continued Examination include a reply responsive within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. § 111 to the last outstanding Office Action. It is requested that the finality of the last Office Action be withdrawn, that the attached submission be entered and considered and further it is requested that the Notice of Appeal be withdrawn and it is requested that prosecution be reopened.

Claim 2 has been amended to recite that the first metal layer is in contact with the second metal layer through the peripheral portion extending from the base portion of the first metal layer as suggested by the Examiner in the Advisory Action.

Allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

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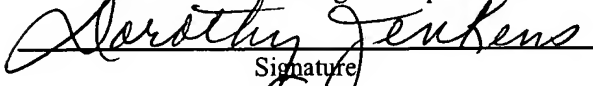
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